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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Douglas County Enhanced Model of Services Project in Fiscal Year 2023. This request is for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Health Surveillance and Program Support account under the Department of Health and Human Services. The entity to receive funding for the project is Douglas County, located at 100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Douglas County is applying for \$629,970 to support an "Enhanced Model of Services" to ensure youth and families utilizing crisis services in the County are connected with ongoing, non-crisis, mental and behavioral health treatment. Douglas County is working with AllHealth Network, a community mental health center, to open a Walk-In Crisis Center (WIC) for all ages and a 16-bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) for children and adolescents as part of a proposal for local American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This request for community project funding will provide community-based intensive in-home and outpatient services, youth resiliency development and peer support programming, parent support, expansion of intensive case management programs to serve youth and families, and technology enhancement to coordinate care and link individuals to community resources. This project supports a larger continuum of care that includes direct coordination with Co-Responders, safe and secure transportation to the WIC/CSU, coordination of multiple substance use and mental health providers, wrap-around services, partnership with schools and child welfare, and collaboration with the justice system. This continuum offers reliable follow-up support to keep youth and families engaged in treatment following a crisis while avoiding cycling through the emergency system.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as the demand for behavioral health services for children and adolescents exceeds the capacity for services throughout Colorado, including in Douglas County. Suicide is now the leading cause of death among youth ages 10-24 according to Colorado Health Institute statistics. This project will help increase access to care for vulnerable populations.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Crow".

Jason Crow
Member of Congress